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SUBJ: WHEAT & CORN CROP ESTIMATES

UNUSUALLY EARLY RAINS IN NUMBER WHEAT AREAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE LATE PLANTINGS OF WHEAT WITH A RESULT THAT HIGHER PRODUCTION EXPECTED THAN REPORTED EARLIER. TOP MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL SAID SECOND ESTIMATE OF WHEAT BOARD WILL SHOW A NEW RECORD OF 1.7 MILLION METRIC TONS. EXPORT OF WHEAT HAS CONSEQUENTLY RESUMED. MANY CONSIGNMENTS ARE TO MAURITIUS, BUT WHEAT NOT BEING SHIPPED THERE. THIS IS DEVICE FOR SHIPPING TO BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO WILL NOT OPENLY TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

TEN MILLION RAND BEING ALLOCATED TO MAIZE BOARD FOR PURCHASE OF CORN (POSSIBLY FIRST ALLOCATION.) THIS IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR WHITE CORN AS FAR AS AVAILABLE, BUT IF UNAVAILABLE, YELLOW WILL BE SUBSTITUTED. RHODESIA APPEARS TO BE BEST SOURCE OF WHITE CORN AND CAN LIKELY SUPPLY MOST OF REQUIREMENTS.

EARLY AND FAIRLY HEAVY RAINS HAVE ALSO INCREASED OPTIMISM FOR 1974 CORN CROP. PLANTING IS NOW AT FULL CAPACITY IN MOST PLACES. SOME DROUGHT STILL REMAINS IN AREA EAST OF VEREENIGING AND WEST OF KIMBERLY. EARLY RAINS HAVE ALSO RESULTED IN SOME VERY EARLY PLANTINGS AND SOME CORN FOR CONSUMPTION FROM

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1974 CROP IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE FROM ONE MONTH TO SIX

WEEKS EARLIER THAN USUAL.
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